## But it's a Dry Heat

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The exhibition, inspired by the Valley's informal motto, "But It's a Dry Heat," celebrates the local environment - whether it is the weather, the desert, the architecture and/or the community.

Dry heat refers to the weather, as well as to the state of mind of the desert dwellers. Half of the year, this metropolis enjoys a mild climate that promotes year-round sports and outdoor entertainment, attracting tourists, new residents and "winter visitors" from around the country. The other half of the year, the summer months, are hot, just plain hot. So hot that a great number of residents flee in fear.

But for many residents, the 115-plus degree temperatures aren't that big of a deal. We are proud of their endurance. We crank up the air-conditioning, enjoy cheap golf and soak in our enormous swimming pools. We poke fun at how miserably humid it must be in other states. But now and again, someone will whine about the heat - usually a newbie resident - and then it just comes out of our mouths as if in slow motion: "but it's a dry heat."

## **Featured artists:**

**Dan Collins, Tempe** 

Mark Klett, Tempe

Muriel Magenta, Tempe

**Bob Martin, Scottsdale** 

Joe Ray, Tempe

Mary Shindell, Phoenix

Randy Slack, Phoenix

Filippo Tagliati, Tempe

Joan Waters, Phoenix

THE GALLERY at Tempe Center for the Arts

